



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 15, 2013

SB 960 Senator Manno

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ST. LUKE’S HOUSE PROPERTY RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of St. Luke’s House and Threshold Services United, Inc. for the construction, repair, and renovation of 31 properties belonging to St. Luke’s House, located in Bethesda; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 961 Senator Peters**HORSE RACING – SPECIAL TAKEOUT AND BOWIE RACE COURSE TRAINING CENTER**

Authorizing a racing licensee to offer wagers under regulations adopted by the State Racing Commission; requiring a racing licensee to deduct specified amounts from the handle; authorizing a racing licensee to conduct specified wagers only with the consent of the Commission and specified groups; authorizing the owner of the Bowie Race Course Training Center to convey the Center to the City of Bowie; requiring the owner of the Bowie Race Course Training Center to repair, maintain, and secure the Center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

BR, §§ 11-514 and 11-519 - amended and SG, § 9-1A-09(d)(4) - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 962 Senator Klausmeier**CHESAPEAKE EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY – RATE REGULATION**

Subjecting the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company to rate regulation under a specified competitive rating law; requiring the Company, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and a specified rating organization jointly to develop a plan that transitions the Company to be a fully affiliated member of a specified rating organization beginning January 1, 2019; specifying elements to be included in the plan; providing for a delayed effective date for portions of the Act; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN, § 11-303 - amended and § 24-305 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 963 Senator Mathias, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY A POST-LABOR DAY START DATE FOR MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study a Post-Labor Day Start Date for Maryland Public Schools; providing for the membership, chair, and staff for the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study issues relating to a post-Labor Day start date for Maryland public schools; and requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 964 Senator Rosapepe**MARYLAND COLLEGE SPORTS FANS AND ATHLETES BILL OF RIGHTS**

Establishing a Maryland College Sports Fans and Athletes Bill of Rights; vesting the final decision concerning an institution's membership or association with specified organizations with the governing board of that institution; defining terms; specifying responsibilities for institutions of higher education and their athletic programs with regard to the student athletes; requiring the Secretary of Higher Education to make a certification; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

ED, §§ 12-104(o), 14-104(s), 14-404(i), and 15-201 through 15-204 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 965 Senator Rosapepe**MARYLAND SMART GROWTH INVESTMENT FUND WORKGROUP**

Requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to convene a specified workgroup to examine creating the Maryland Smart Growth Investment Fund; requiring the workgroup to include specified representatives; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 966 Senator Benson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PEPPERMILL VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATIONS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Peppermill Village Civic Association, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Peppermill Village Community Center, located in Capitol Heights; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 967 Senator Benson**BUSINESS REGULATION – RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS – VIDEO CAMERAS REQUIRED**

Requiring each retail service station dealer to maintain at least one operational video camera on the exterior premises of the service station for the purpose of recording illegal activity; requiring each retail service station dealer to preserve recordings made by the video camera for at least 45 calendar days; establishing a penalty for a violation of the Act; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BR, § 10-324 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 968 Senator Jones–Rodwell**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GARRETT–JACOBS MANSION ACCESS AND SAFETY PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, Inc. for the design, construction, and capital equipping of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 969 Senator Glassman, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION – RESIDENTIAL SMOKE ALARMS**

Repealing and recodifying specified provisions of law dealing with fire protection and prevention; clarifying that the installation of specified smoke alarms is required in specified areas of specified buildings; providing that the Act is applicable statewide; authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt specified regulations; requiring a minimum number of smoke alarms be installed in specified areas; requiring a specified smoke alarm to activate other smoke alarms in specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

PS, §§ 9-101 through 9-106 - repealed and added and § 9-108 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 970 Senator Pipkin**PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS – REGULATORY INFRINGEMENT –
COMPENSATION**

Creating a cause of action under specified circumstances for an owner of property to use against the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Environment, the Department of Natural Resources, or the Department of Planning if the application of specified regulations adopted by any of these agencies infringes on a private property right of the property owner; providing that the cause of action shall be filed in a specified court; providing for the sum that a private property owner may recover; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

CJ, § 5-120 and SG, §§ 12-601 through 12-604 - added and CJ, § 6-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 971 Senator Pipkin**REGULATIONS – FEES AND FINES – LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL
REQUIRED**

Prohibiting a regulation that increases a fee or fine that a unit is authorized to impose from taking effect until the General Assembly approves the increase through legislation that is enacted into law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 10-117 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 972 Senator Pipkin**MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION – UPPER SHORE
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER – REOPENING AND
MAINTENANCE**

Requiring that the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center be maintained under the direction of the Mental Hygiene Administration; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly for the State to reopen the Center and the Administration to maintain the Center in accordance with specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 10-406(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 973 Senator Pipkin**ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS –
NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from requiring a person to install, or have installed, an on-site sewage disposal system that utilizes nitrogen removal technology on specified property in the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

EN, § 9-1108 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 974 Senator Pipkin**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – REPEAL OF
SOLAR ENERGY REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that an electricity supplier's renewable energy portfolio include a specified percent of solar energy in specified years; repealing specified compliance fees for a shortfall from solar energy requirements under the renewable energy portfolio standard; altering the responsibilities of a specified individual designated by the Public Service Commission; and repealing a requirement that specified compliance fees be accounted for and used in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

PU, §§ 7-703, 7-705, 7-709(c), and 7-711 and SG, § 9-20B-05(i) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 975 Senator Pipkin**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF
NEED REVIEW – INTERESTED PARTY**

Altering the definition of interested party, for purposes of certificate of need review of specified projects, to include a jurisdiction that does not contain a general hospital.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

HG, § 19-126(d) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 976 Senator Pipkin**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – TIER 1
RENEWABLE SOURCES – QUALIFYING NATURAL GAS**

Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include qualifying natural gas for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

PU, §§ 7-701 and 7-704(a)(2) through (4) and (c)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 977 Senator Pipkin**TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE REGIONAL HEALTH DELIVERY AND
HEALTH PLANNING IN RURAL AREAS**

Establishing the Task Force to Evaluate Regional Health Delivery and Health Planning in Rural Areas; providing for the composition, cochair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to evaluate regional health delivery and health planning in rural areas, with a specified emphasis, to include specified items in its evaluation, and to make specified recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 978 Senator Pipkin**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
CORPORATIONS – CAPITAL INVESTMENTS**

Reducing the corporate income tax rate for 3 years for specified foreign and domestic corporations that open branch offices in counties with no more than 200,000 individuals under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended and § 10-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 979 **Senator Pipkin****ENVIRONMENT – WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –
CONOWINGO DAM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in an activity or strategy to implement a State Watershed Implementation Plan until the State completes a full assessment of the environmental impacts of opening the Conowingo Dam floodgates in September 2011 following Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

EN, §§ 4-801 and 4-802 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules